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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON PAKISTAN REPROCESSING PLANT

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR GUIDANCE IN
RESPONDING TO ANY INQUIRIES THAT MAY ARISE DUE TO AN
AP REPORT ENTITLED "NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT-PAKISTAN" BY
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LAWRENCE S. KNUTSON, WHICH DEALS WITH ACDA DIRECTOR

IKLE'S FEBRUARY 23 CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY IN REPLY TO SENATOR SYMINGTON'S QUESTIONS ON TWO TOPICS: PAKISTAN'S PLANNED PURCHASE OF A FRENCH REPROCESSING PLANT, AND U.S. POLICY ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS. (FOR FURTHER DETAILS OF IKLE'S TESTIMONY BEFORE SYMINGTON'S ARMS CONTROL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SEE THE USIS WIRELESS FILE OF FEBRUARY 23.)

A. FOR QUERIES ON THE FIRST TOPIC:

QUESTION: WHAT IS THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH VIEW ON PAKISTAN'S PLANNED ACQUISITION OF A REPROCESSING PLANT FROM FRANCE?

ANSWER: AS SECRETARY KISSINGER INDICATED IN HIS SPEECH LAST FALL TO THE UNGA, THE PROLIFERATION OF NATIONAL

REPROCESSING PLANTS REPRESENTS A SPECIAL RISK OF PRO-LIFERATION BECAUSE OF THE DIRECT AVAILABILITY OF WEAPON USABLE MATERIAL.

WE STRONGLY PREFER THAT NATIONS PRESENTLY CONSIDERING SUCH PROJECTS FOREGO OR POSTPONE ANY ACTION UNTIL A CLEARER ECONOMIC NEED CAN BE ESTABLISHED AND UNTIL ALTERNATIVES TO NATIONAL REPROCESSING, SUCH AS MULTILATERAL REGIONAL CENTERS CAN BE FULLY EXPLORED.

FOLLOW-ON QUESTION

QUESTION: THEN WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THAT THE USG IS OPPOSED TO SUCH A TRANSACTION AND HAS TOLD BOTH FRANCE AND PAKISTAN OF OUR OPPOSITION?

ANSWER: AS I SAID, WE THINK SUCH FACILITIES INCREASE PROLIFERATION RISKS, AND BOTH PAKISTAN AND FRANCE ARE AWARE OF OUR CONCERN.

B. FOR QUERIES ON THE SECOND TOPIC, USE SHOULD BE MADE OF THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL. KISSINGER

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